

Classroom Factors Affecting Second Language Learning

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Languages Represented:

- Arabic
- Karen
- Korean
- Kurdish
- Spanish



The following factors may currently be affecting your ESL students:

Learning Styles – There are many different learning styles: visual, kinesthetic, spatial, global, and sequential, just to name a few.

Differences between languages – Students that speak German or Spanish will find more similarities with English than those that speak Chinese or Arabic.

Culture Shock – Culture shock may slow down or even cause a halt in second language acquisition.

Motivation – Some students will be highly motivated, while others will be lacking motivation.

Home Life – How involved are the parents with the child? How much exposure does the child get to English at home or outside of school?

Confidence – Some students are simply more confident and willing to experiment with L2 than others.

Resources

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Visit this website to get tips on how to lower the affective filter in your classroom:

<http://focalskills.info/essenfeatt/feature.3.htm>

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Visit this website to read about different learning styles:

<http://www.learning-styles-online.com/>

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